

Charleston Sunday News.

A shout rang upon the door of the old house awoke from their slumber the father; mother, young brothers and sisters, who came trooping forward to behold, returned to them, instead of the strong son and brother who had once romped over hill and dale in the vigor of young manhood, a ragged and haggard soldier-boy. I told to the family the first news of Lee's surrender; then came the question from the anxious mother: "Where is Jacky?" The few older sons were known to be already among the dead. But I had not seen Jack in over three years and could tell them nothing further than that he was known to have been with Black's cavalry in Johnson's army.

But in a few days, returning sol-

When near Chester the faithful old gray mare was forced to give up the trip, being no longer able to draw the buggy after her. So I left her with a good farmer, and set out upon the rest of my journey afoot. When near the town limits of Chester I came upon a very suspicious looking company of men who were busily engaged in loading their guns. They eyed me closely and their scrutiny was not very comfortable to me. Whether this mixed company consisted of friends or enemies I had no means of knowing nor did I stop to enquire, rather choosing to take chances on developments. But I was not long kept in doubt as to the nature of the gathering. Having entered the town and reached a position just in front of the door of what was then known as the Confederate commissary. I was all at once startled by the sound of a big commotion inside of the building, and some one threw out at the door a side of bacon, which struck me a fair broadside and sent me sprawling into the gutter. Following this came a perfect shower of bacon, hams, sacks of flour, bolts of cloth and various other articles of provision, and clothing material, all coming from the lower door, while hats, boots and shoes constituted almost a deluge.

or the track of any of these. About the only creature left to be seen of the domestic animal kind was an occasional, now half wild, lonesome-looking, famished and lost dog, which would invariably slink away at the approach of the stranger behind some blackened chimney, the only remaining object to indicate the spot where, a few weeks before had resided some struggling family of women and children, who were existing miserably alone, while father or son, or both were away fighting for the cause of the South and trying to beat back the invading foe.

But the awful stillness, the deathly silence of the twilight was suddenly broken to my ears, and I hastily aroused myself from the fastenings of slumber. A distant human-like voice had broken the stillness of the hour. Could it have been the cry of a wanderer of the swamps? A slight chill passed over me as the possible significance of such a cry sank into my mind. But I sprang to my feet and listened again. Then my bosom swelled, and life came to my eyes. The gladdening sound of a woman's voice came stealing athwart the evening shadows and fell faintly upon

Arriving in the town I found that my brother had alas, died about a week or ten days before. But I learned with satisfaction that he had been nursed and cared for until the last by a band of noble women, heavenly inspired and whom the wrath and rage of all the diabolism of Sherman's army of devastation could not shake from their loyalty and veneration for the boys who wore the gray, and whose hearts could not be intimidated.

It is now more than forty years since I made this journey, and I now call it as the most trying experience of my entire service during all the years of the war; and when I go back in my thoughts to the wonderful part in that fight for the lost cause which was played by the women of the Confederacy, there invariably comes up in my mind the picture of the lost cabin in the wilderness of North Carolina, and of the two swamp angels, as I shall ever deem them; and I am reminded that there appeared in his priceless usefulness that patriotic, unapproachable woman, that brave

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— Solitary and alone a hotel land-lord is a host in himself.

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# The Secret of Good Coffee

Even the best housekeepers cannot make a good cup of coffee without good material. Dirty, adulterated and queerly blended coffee such as unscrupulous dealers shovel over their counters won't do. But take the pure, clean, natural flavored

## LION COFFEE, the leader of all package coffees.

The coffee that for over a quarter of a century has been daily welcomed in millions of homes—and you will make a drink fit for a king in this way:

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1. Use **LION COFFEE** because it gets the most out of the best beans. Great pure **LION COFFEE** makes you. Use the following method to make a cup, and the coffee is perfect. It gives you a rich, full-bodied coffee, enough to make a cup, pure and real, and will save you 25¢ for every 100¢ of the best coffee.

2. Put in **1/2** cup of **LION COFFEE** in a coffee pot.

3. Add **1/2** cup of **WATER** and **1/2** cup of **SUGAR**.

4. Boil for **10** minutes.

5. Strain through a **fine** cloth.

6. Serve in a **cup** with **cream** and **sugar**.

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